# Pollinators: How to Help Them

### What is a Pollinator?

A Pollinator is an animal that supports the growth of trees, flowers, and other plants that serve as food and shelter for creatures big and small.



What types of Animals are Pollinators?

Birds, Bats, Butterflies, Moths, Beetles, Honey Bees, Bumble Bees, Wasps, Flies, Lady Buas.



#### <u>How do Pollinators help the Environment'</u>

As Pollinators visit flowers to feed on nectar, they carry pollen from plant to plant. They sustain our ecosystems and produce natural resources by helping plants reproduce.

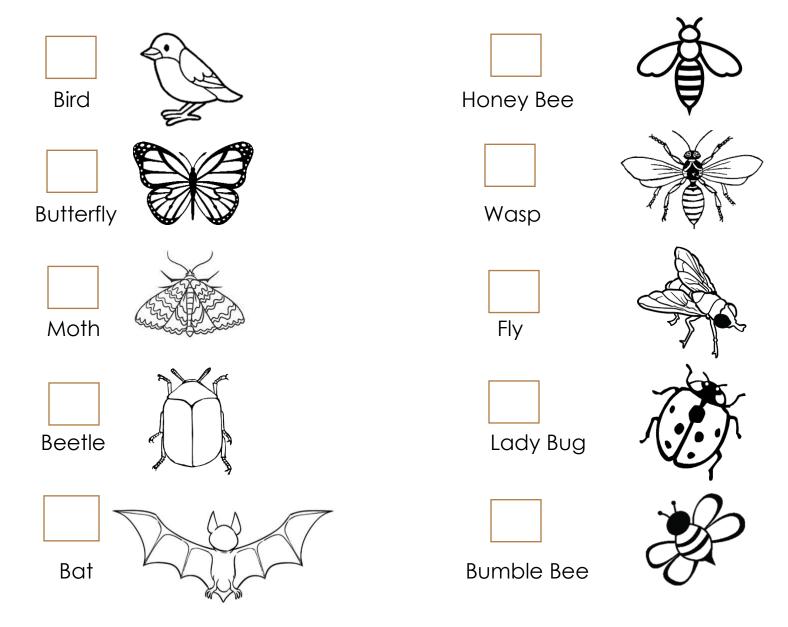


#### /hat can you do to Help Pollinators?

- Plant Milkweed: Without milkweed butterflies cannot complete their lifecycle and populations decline
- Fill your Yard with Native Plants: Fill your garden with plants like Smooth Blue Aster, Orange Butterfly Milkweed, Cardina Flower, and Great Blue Lobelia.
- 3.) <u>Give Bees Nesting Areas:</u> You can create a nesting box using a piece of unfreated wood such as a fence post or large branch, and drill holes (1/8 to 3/8 diameter at depths 3-5 to affract various types of Native Solitary Bees.



## How Many Pollinators Can You Find?



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